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LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 1 November 1994 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the dropping of anti-Iraqi leaflets by United States warplanes.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 1 November 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the President of the Security Council

I should like to refer to my letter of 16 December 1993 addressed to you concerning hostile and provocative actions carried out by the Government of the United States of America, namely the violation of Iraq's airspace and the dropping of provocative leaflets over urban and rural areas of southern Iraq, and of Basra Governorate in particular, by United States warplanes and Coalition aircraft based in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

In the present letter, I should like to call your urgent attention to the fact that the Government of the United States has once again carried out hostile and provocative actions against Iraq and that United States and Coalition warplanes have committed the following acts of aggression:

(a) At 1830 hours on 25 October 1994 United States warplanes dropped leaflets in the Nashwah area in Basra Governorate containing hostile material inciting the armed forces against the Iraqi Government;

(b) At 1115 hours on 26 October 1994 a remotely piloted aircraft dropped leaflets containing hostile material in the Khawr al-Zubayr-Umm Qasr road area near the fertilizer plant in Basra Governorate.

We enclose herewith copies of these leaflets.

The dropping of these inflammatory leaflets by United States warplanes is a violation of the principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Security Council resolutions calling for respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Iraq, and it constitutes material proof that the United States policy of seeking to undermine Iraq's internal stability and interfere in its domestic affairs is being maintained.

I lodge a strong protest against these acts of aggression on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Iraq, and I request you to take appropriate measures for a halt to these actions, which are contrary to international law and the provisions of the Charter.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq

Enclosure

Samples of the leaflets dropped by United States warplanes

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"Brothers and sons, members of the Iraqi armed forces; remember eight years of devastating war with your Muslim neighbour, and remember their outcome in terms of the destruction of our armed forces and the ruination of Iraq's capacities. What was the result? The hour of salvation has drawn nigh."

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"Resistance to tyranny and oppression calls for unity and common efforts, when they may be eliminated by all available means. Now, at a time when the opposition is growing in numbers and becoming firmer and more active against Saddam, it is your duty too to think of the role it is incumbent on you to perform."